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OBJECTIONS ON BLACBERRY MOBILE SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the objections have been made against the provision of Blackberry Mobile Services in the country;

(b) if so, the names of Government agencies and their objections have been made in this regard; and

(c) the number of subscribers who are being provided Blackberry service by the various Telecom Companies in the country as on date?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) & (b) Security Agency have expressed their concerns regarding the provision of Blackberry E-mail Service by some of the Licensees on proprietary protocols without provision of proper intercepting monitoring system and any facility to decode the content of the messages.

(c) As per the information received from service providers, there are around 1,14,000 number of subscribers as on date who are being provided Blackbeery services by various Telecom Companies in the country.